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AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-19. Cancelled.

20. (Previously Presented) A strap and patch combination for restraining freight, comprising:

a. a strap with a first layer and a second layer, the first layer comprising a first end and a second end, and the second layer comprising a plurality of strands of yarn, wherein the yarn has an elongation characteristic ranging from about 2.5 percent to about 4.7 percent before breaking and a creep of less than about 2 percent after elongation, wherein the strap can be secured around freight to create an intersection between the first end of the strap and the second end of the strap, and wherein the strap can be placed under tension; and

b. a separate patch comprising a third end and a fourth end, wherein the third end is pre-attached to the strap at a contact section near the first end prior to installation around the freight, and wherein the separate patch can be joined to the first end of the strap and to the second end of the strap.

21. (Previously Presented) The strap and patch combination of claim 20, wherein the first layer is a nonwoven fabric.

22. (Previously Presented) The strap and patch combination of claim 21, wherein the nonwoven fabric is a spunbonded, polyester, nonwoven fabric.

23. Cancelled.

24. (Currently Amended) The strap and patch combination of claim ~~23~~ 20, wherein the strap further comprises a third layer defining a releasable adhesive located on at

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least a portion of an outer surface of the strap for attachment to a surface of a transportation device.

25. (Previously Presented) The strap and patch combination of claim 20, further comprising an adhesive layer located on at least a portion of the patch for attachment to the second end of the strap.

26. (Previously Presented) The strap and patch combination of claim 25, wherein the adhesive is non-releasable.

27. (Previously Presented) The strap and patch combination of claim 20, wherein the patch is attached to the strap using an adhesive, stitching or thermal bonding.

28. Cancelled.

29. (Previously Presented) The strap and patch combination of claim 20, further comprising at least one reinforcement strap coupled to the strap and positioned generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the strap.

30-40. Cancelled.